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1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE'S REQUEST, THIS MESSAGE DRAWS TOGETHER EMERGING COMPOSITION OF THE NINE-MEMBER CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR THE 30TH REGULAR SESSION AS OF 11 AM 12 SEPTEMBER. THE SITUATION IS CHANGING CONSTANTLY AND THE FULL COMPOSITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIVE REGIONAL GROUPS MAY NOT BE CLEAR UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING.

2. THE GA RULES OF PROCEDURE REQUIRE OUTGOING GA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA TO MAKE NOMINATIONS. AS HAS INVARIABLY BEEN THE CASE, THESE WILL BE APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION BY THE PLENARY AT THE OPENING SITTING OF THE 30TH SESSION TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

3. WEO-TRADITIONALLY 2 SEATS. THE NAMES OF THE US AND BELGIUM, WHO SERVED LAST YEAR, HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO BOUTEFLIKA IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS FROM REGIONAL GROUPS.

4. LA -TRADITIONALLY 2 SEATS. CONSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA HAVE AGREED TO SERVE AS THEY DID LAST YEAR.

5. EE - 1 SEAT. THE USSR HAS ALWAYS SAT; THERE IS NOT
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REASON TO SUPPOSE A CHANGE.

6. ASIA --2 SEATS. CHINA (A MEMBER IN RECENT YEARS) AND MONGOLIA ARE THE ONLY ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES. US EFFORTS TO GET JAPAN OR ANOTHER SUITABLE ASIAN TO COMPETE WITH MONGOLIA (SEAT HELD LAST YEAR BY THE PHILIPPINES) HAVE NOT THUS FAR BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

7. AFRICA - 2 SEATS. SENEGAL AND TANZANIA, LEADERS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SUSPENSION FIGHT LAST YEAR, HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RUN AGAIN. LIBYA WANT A SEAT AND WILL LIKELY OBTAIN AFRICAN GROUP AGREEMENT AT A CAUCUS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. WE HAVE ENERGIZED THE ISRAELI DELEGATION TO PROMOTE AN AFRICAN FOR THE OTHER SEAT WHO WILL VOTE RIGHT IF, AS DOES NOT AT THIS MOMENT SEEM LIKELY, A MOTION TO REJECT ISRAELI CREDENTIALS WERE MADE IN THE COMMITTEE. CURRENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT GHANA OR CAMEROON WILL BE PROMPTED TO SERVE; OTHER POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE ZAIRE AND SIERRA LEONE.

8. ASSUMING (A) BOUTEFILKA HONORS THE TRADITIONAL ALLOCATION OF THE 9 SEATS AND LIKEWISE HONORS THE REGIONAL GROUP NOMINATIONS AND (B) MONGOLIA AND, FOR EXAMPLE, GHANA TAKE SEATS, THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP WOULD COMPRISE US, BELGIUM, COSTA RICA, VENEZUELA, USSR, CHINA, MONGOLIA, GHANA AND LIBYA.

9. VOTE PREDICTIONS AT THIS EARLY STAGE ARE HAZARDOUS. WE WOULD ESTIMATE THAT VOTING ON THE THREE PRINCIPAL POLITICIZED ISSUES THAT COULD RPT COULD REACH THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WOULD BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. (I) ON SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS, 6 IN FAVOR OF REJECTION, 2 OR 3 OPPOSED; ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. (II) ON CHILEAN CREDENTIALS, IF THE ISSUE IS RAISED, 2 OR 3 IN FAVOR OF REJECTION; A MAJORITY OPPOSED. (III) ON ISRAELI CREDENTIALS, IF THE ISSUE IS RAISED AND BARRING MAJOR ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS, 2 OR 3 IF FAVOR OF REJECTION WITH A MAJORITY OPPOSED.

10. A NUMBER OF USUN EFFORTS TO PRODUCE THE BEST ATTAINABLE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL OR OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. THESE INCLUDE, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR MEGUID, AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN FOR SEPTEMBER, TO PRODUCE ALTERNATIVE

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CANDIDACIES TO MEET A THREAT THAT ONLY LIBYA AND MAURITANIA WOULD PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR THE TWO AFRICAN SEATS; EFFORTS TO PROMPT GHANA TO TAKE TO SECOND (I.E., NON-LIBYAN) AFRICAN SEAT; CONTACTS TO ENSURE THAT THE TWO LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDACIES WOULD BE HELPFUL; ACTION WITHIN THE WEO GROUP TO SECURE NOMINATION OF THE US AND THAT OF A MORE RELIABLE SECOND WEO THAN HAS SOMETIMES BEEN THE CASE (GREECE IN 1973).
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